BEFORE THE MEDICAL LICENSING BOARD OF INDIANA CAUSE NO. 2010 MLB 0003

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF:)	FILED
STEPHANIE COLSON SHARPE, M.D.)	MAR 2 2 2010
LICENSE NO: 01051569A)	Indiana Professional Licensing Agency

PETITION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

The State of Indiana, by Counsel, Thomas P. McGee, Deputy Attorney General, moves the Medical Licensing Board of Indiana (Board) to suspend the medical license held by Dr. Stephanie Colson Sharpe, M.D. (Respondent) for ninety (90) days, and in support of its petition states the following:

- 1. Respondent is a licensed Physician in the State of Indiana holding Indiana license number 01051569A.
- 2. This Board has jurisdiction to suspend Respondent's license in accordance with the provisions of Indiana Code § 4-21.5-4 et seq. and Indiana Code § 25-1-9-10.
- 3. On or about September 22, 2005, Respondent appeared before the Board to answer questions from the Board concerning her application for renewal of her license to practice medicine in Indiana. Respondent revealed that she had become addicted to narcotics after multiple surgeries for Crohn's disease. She was treated at Rush Behavioral Health in 2004 and entered into a monitoring contract with the Indiana State Medical Association (ISMA) Physician Assistance Program (PAP).
- 4. On or about September 25, 2005, this Board issued a Decision On License Renewal Application. Respondent's license to practice medicine was placed on

indefinite probation. Under the terms and conditions of the probation, Respondent was required to maintain her recovery monitoring contract with PAP and comply with the terms of that contract.

- 5. On or about February 19, 2009, the Board issued an Order to Show Cause based on Respondent's PAP contract being terminated. The Order to Show Cause was dismissed on March 6, 2009, and Respondent was taken back into the PAP program with the understanding that any further non-compliance would result in termination from the program.
- 6. On or about March 16, 2010, ISMA notified the Board that Respondent violated her PAP contract by physically altering a prescription for Subutex, a schedule III controlled substance, in order to obtain unauthorized refills.
- 7. Based upon this admission, Respondent's contract with PAP was immediately terminated. Respondent is not currently being monitored by PAP which is the Board's monitoring agency.
- 8. If allowed to continue to practice as a licensed Physician, Respondent represents a clear and immediate danger to the public health and safety.

WHEREFORE, the State of Indiana requests that this Board set a hearing on this petition for summary suspension and suspend Respondent's license for a period of ninety (90) days and for all other proper relief.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of the foregoing "Petition for Summary Suspension" has been served upon the Respondent and Respondent's counsel at the addresses listed below, via US mail, on this 22nd day of March 2010:

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